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**Advisory Action**

Application No.

09/747,731

Applicant(s)

YAMAZAKI ET AL.

Examiner

William P. Fletcher III

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THE REPLY FILED 19 May 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

**PERIOD FOR REPLY** [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.  
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:  
(a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);  
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);  
(c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or  
(d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.  
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).  
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.  
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.  
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) rejected: 20-53.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_.

8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.  
10. ☒ Other: See Continuation Sheet

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NOTE:

If amended as proposed, all independent claims would recite evaporating an organic electroluminescence material. The examiner has not, heretofore, considered and/or searched a claim of this scope.

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does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:

Applicant's attention is drawn to p. 18, ll. 1 - 6 of paper no. 9. Here, the examiner clearly states his position: it is well-known in the art of coating substrates to repeat a coating step the number of times required to build-up a coating of a desired thickness. Consequently, it would have been obvious to do so. Any argument directed to an organic electroluminescent layer in particular is not commensurate in scope with the claims, since applicant's proposed amendment will not be entered.

With respect to plasma cleaning, these arguments are also not commensurate in scope with the claims, since applicant's proposed amendment will not be entered. Further, the document cited by applicant discloses cleaning a CVD (Chemical Vapor Deposition) chamber with a plasma. Applicant contends that a CVD chamber is not an evaporation chamber. The examiner is puzzled by this statement. A CVD chamber is a chamber in which deposition from a vapor is conducted. Applicant's evaporation chamber is also a chamber in which deposition from a vapor is conducted. It is unclear how, exactly, a CVD chamber differs from an evaporation chamber. Consequently, the document cited by applicant appears to bolster the examiner's position that cleaning, in particular plasma cleaning, of a deposition chamber is well-known and would have, consequently, been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

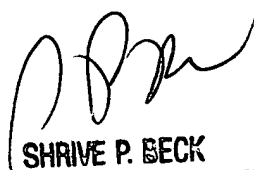
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Other:

Receipt is acknowledged of applicant's corrected formal drawings. The drawings are acceptable.

The information disclosure statement filed 19 May 2003 (paper no. 12) fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

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